

IN THE CLAIMS

As shown below, please rewrite claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9, cancel claims 2, 5, and 8, and add new claims 10-18. Claims 1-18 are presented below.

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1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus which has a graphic user interface adopting windows and which is capable of selecting and operating any of a plurality of application programs, said information processing apparatus comprising:

image pickup means for picking up an image of an object;

detecting means for detecting operations performed by a user; and

controlling means for controlling an application program so that said application program is activated to pick up said image when said detecting means detects operations;

wherein said detecting means detects a first operation and a second operation performed by said user and both the first operation and the second operation are performed using the same push button, and

wherein said controlling means activates a window for said application program for picking up said image when said detecting means detects said first operation, said controlling means further causing said image pickup means to pick up said image and storing said picked up image when said detecting means detects said second operation.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said first operation is a half-push button operation and said second operation is a full-push button operation.

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4. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for use with a graphic user interface adopting windows and capable of selecting and operating any of a plurality of application programs, said information processing method comprising the steps of:

picking up an image of an object;

detecting operations performed by a user; and

controlling an application program so that said application program is activated to pick up said image when operations are detected in said detecting step;

wherein said detecting step detects a first operation and a second operation performed by said user and both the first operation and the second operation are performed using the same push button, and

wherein said controlling step activates a window for said application program for picking up said image when said detecting step detects said first operation, said controlling step further causing said image pickup step to pick up said image and storing said picked up image when said detecting step detects said second operation.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing method according to claim 45, wherein said first operation is a half-push button operation and said second operation is a full-push button operation.

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7. (Currently Amended) A storage medium for storing a program in a manner readable by an information processing apparatus which has a graphic user interface adopting windows and which is capable of selecting and operating any of a plurality of application programs, said program allowing said information processing apparatus to execute an information processing method comprising the steps of:

picking up an image of an object;

detecting operations performed by a user; and

controlling an application program so that said application program is activated to pick up said image when operations are detected in said detecting step;

wherein said detecting step detects a first operation and a second operation performed by said user and both the first operation and the second operation are performed using the same push button, and

wherein said controlling step activates a window for said application program for picking up said image when said detecting step detects said first operation, said controlling step further causing said image pickup step to pick up said image and storing said picked up image when said detecting step detects said second operation.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 78, wherein said first operation is a half-push button operation and said second operation is a full-push button operation.

10. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controlling means holds an image picked up by said image pickup means for preview in the activated window for said application program while said first operation is performed.

11. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if said application program for picking up said image is not active when said detecting means detects said first operation, before said controlling means activates a window for said application program for picking up said image, said controlling means boots said application program.

12. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controlling means begins storing a motion image picked up by said image pickup means when said detecting means detects said second operation, and said controlling means stops storing said motion image when said detecting means detects said second operation again.

13. (New) An information processing method according to claim 4, wherein said controlling means holds an image picked up by said image pickup means for preview in the activated window for said application program while said first operation is performed.

14. (New) An information processing method according to claim 4, wherein if said application program for picking up said image is not active when said detecting means detects said first

operation, before said controlling means activates a window for said application program for picking up said image, said controlling means boots said application program.

15. (New) An information processing method according to claim 4, wherein said controlling means begins storing a motion image picked up by said image pickup means when said detecting means detects said second operation, and said controlling means stops storing said motion image when said detecting means detects said second operation again.

16. (New) A storage medium according to claim 7, wherein said controlling means holds an image picked up by said image pickup means for preview in the activated window for said application program while said first operation is performed.

17. (New) A storage medium according to claim 7, wherein if said application program for picking up said image is not active when said detecting means detects said first operation, before said controlling means activates a window for said application program for picking up said image, said controlling means boots said application program.

18. (New) A storage medium according to claim 7, wherein said controlling means begins storing a motion image picked up by said image pickup means when said detecting means detects said second operation, and said controlling means stops storing said motion image when said detecting means detects said second operation again.